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## EX-SHIP'S CAPTAIN BECOMES BISHOP

### The story of Alfred Thomas Hill of the Solomon Islands

*On Sunday, May 30, a one-time ship's boy, Alfred Thomas Hill, is to be consecrated Bishop of Melanesia. The ceremony will take place in the little church of All Saints on the remote island of Honiara in the Solomon Islands.*

KNOWN through the wide spaces of Melanesia as "the Rev. A. T. Hill, Headmaster of All Hallows School at Pawa," the new bishop was also known in Staffordshire and the East End of London as a young man of adventure and determination who rose to be a Master Mariner. And now he is to be a Bishop.

It was as Captain Hill that in 1931 he left his ship's bridge in the Port of London and decided to give a hand to a sorely pressed dockland parish as a lay reader. Then he went up to Yorkshire to a moorland parish, cycling in all winds and weathers through the countryside.

There he caught the eye of that fine judge of men, the late Archbishop Temple, who was then Archbishop of York. A recommendation went to the present Bishop of Whitby, who was in Britain scouting round for likely men to take back with him to his ocean-island diocese of Melanesia where he was then Bishop.

So Alfred Thomas Hill was posted to the island of New Britain, and after two years there was ordained and appointed to be

headmaster of Pawa School. Dressed in white shorts and singlet, and usually surrounded by a group of laughing, brown-skinned Melanesian boys, Mr. Hill made his school of 120 pupils into one of the finest in the Pacific.

On the island of Ugi (near the larger island of San Cristoval) Pawa School lies in its grove of coconut trees half a mile from the beach. The headmaster has always kept a boat handy to practise his old art of "ropes, boats, and water."

#### BOYS BECOME WEATHER MEN

He has taught his boys to observe the weather so accurately that the Meteorological Office of Australia now tunes into Pawa four times a day and takes code reports of cloud and rainfall. Sometimes it rains at Pawa for three days and nights without stopping.

The boys have to grow their own food of sweet potato, corn, cabbage, and fruit, and they look after the pigs, chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese.

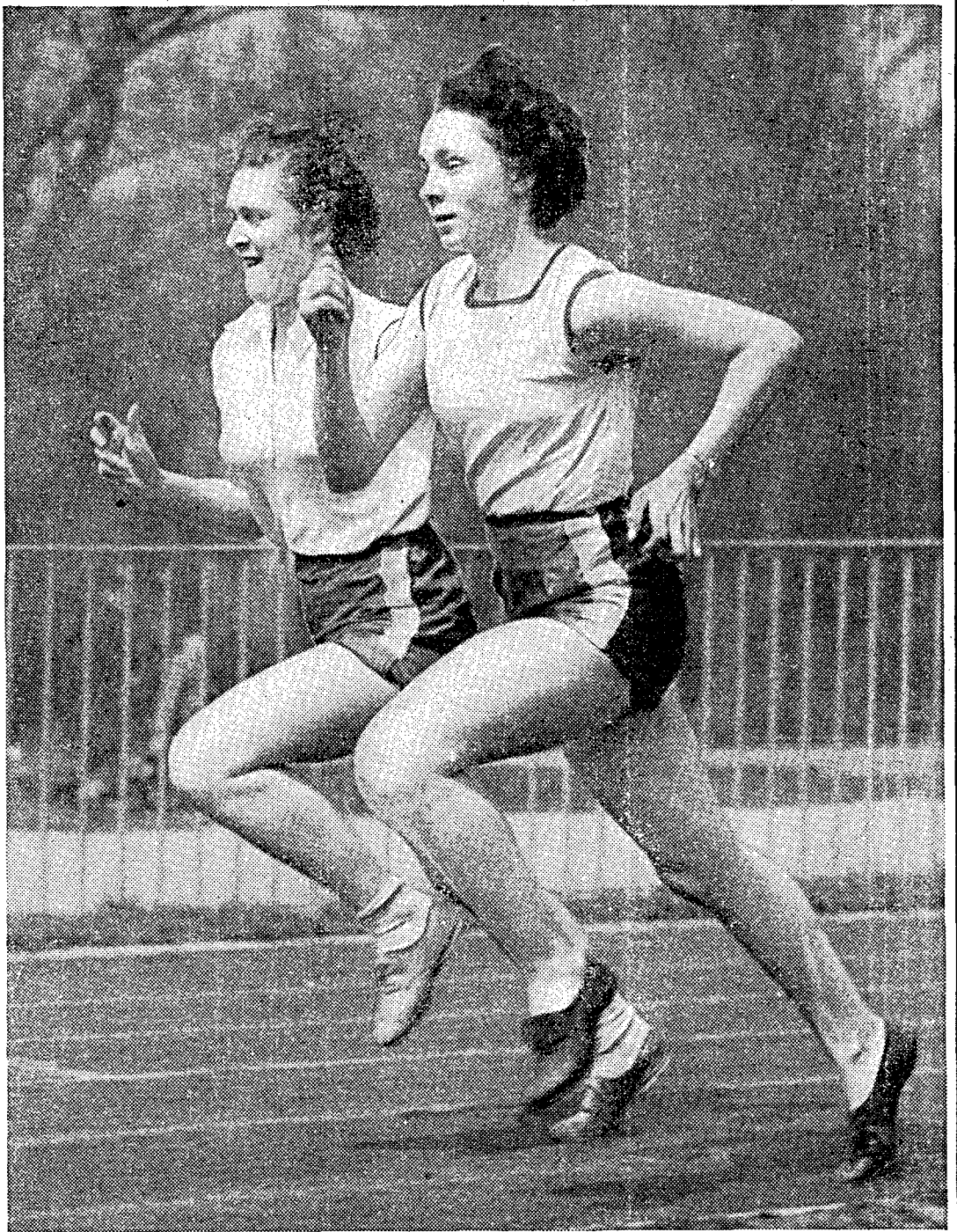
Boys come from twenty different islands to Pawa and the competition has been keen to belong to "Mr. Hill's school." The new Bishop knows how to get on with boys. Each one had a "hide-out" in the bush so that he could keep up his native customs, but he also had to work hard because he knew that there were a score of boys waiting to take his place. He was up at 6.0 a.m., for school work there lasts from 10.0 until 1.45 and then again from 7.0 to 9.0 in the evening.

#### EARNING A FISH PARTY

One of the new Bishop's latest ventures is the School Chapel at Pawa for which the timbers had to be cut from the forests ten miles away. Some were made up into rafts and floated in by sea. One huge post weighing half a ton had to be worked down a muddy hill. The boys made a cradle like a ladder, tied the post on it, and then formed two files, one on either side, and so gently edged the huge post to the bottom. Then they had a "fish party" to celebrate the home-coming of the chapel posts. Brightly coloured fish were cooked on hot stones and the menu included two sting-rays and two green snails.

For sixteen years the ex-ship's

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### In their stride

Two members of the Spartan Ladies Athletic Club match stride for stride while training at Tooting, South London. Nearest the camera is 17-year-old Sheila Hoskin, sprinter and long jumper; her partner is 22-year-old Marie Bridgeford, Pentathlon athlete.

#### SPRINTING PIG

How fast can a pig run? A Large White pig that took to its heels in the streets of Bridlington showed that it could outstrip a cycling policeman.

It was chased through the streets, but disappeared behind some buildings in a field and could not then be found.

The truant animal was later seen half a mile away and secured only after being chased into a field. It was then found that it had come from Bessingby, two miles away.

#### BREAKFAST WITH BIMBA

Bimba, a wild roe deer of the Great Glen, Inverness-shire, makes a habit of calling at Inverloch Castle for breakfast.

At the same time every morning he knocks at the dining-room window with his tiny antlers. When admitted he feeds in the kitchen and then wanders round the castle. That a cat and two dogs also breakfast in the kitchen does not seem to worry Bimba in the least.

#### IN GOOD HANDS

When an 18-year-old seaman apprentice was taken ill with appendicitis on the Queen Elizabeth, he was in good hands. There were 268 surgeons on board, most of them members of the American College of Surgeons who were travelling to Britain for an annual conference.

It was an eminent London surgeon, Mr. Selwyn Taylor, who successfully carried out an operation as the liner came up the English Channel.

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#### NOT IN THE RULES

A well-known Soccer referee was once asked: "If the ball settled on the crossbar what would it be?"

Promptly he replied: "A miracle."

The "miracle" happened not long ago in a match at Whitwell, Derbyshire, between Whitwell County School and Eckington County School. A Whitwell boy shot for goal and the ball then hit the crossbar, being held there by a net-hook caught in the lace of the football.

The referee climbed the upright, studied the position of the ball and ruled that it was slightly above the centre of the crossbar. He ordered a goal kick.

#### LONG LOAD

The biggest welded steel girder ever made in Britain has made a six-day railway journey from Derbyshire to Hampshire. Welded in a Ripley foundry, it is 128 feet long and weighs 45 tons.

It is the first of four girders needed for a new bridge on the A30 trunk road between Hook and Basingstoke.



# HAPPY LAND OF THE EAST

C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent.

SIAM, or Thailand, has been called the carefree country of the Far East. Amid the dangers all around them the Siamese people seem to have the priceless secret of retaining happy independence.

Communist forces in trouble-ridden Indo-China have brought war ever closer to Siam, but her people still refuse to get excited or anxious. The war has nothing to do with them, and there is no reason why Siam should be embroiled, they say.

Are the Siamese—or the people of Thailand, as they prefer to be called—deluding themselves? Have they really a gift for cheerful, contented living denied to their less fortunate neighbours in the Associated States of Indo-China?

Certainly in Siam there is little or no hunger; that alone makes this land favoured by comparison with most Far-Eastern countries. Siam, indeed, is the "rice-bowl" on which nearby countries depend for their food supplies.

There is no nationalist discontent such as in Laos, Viet-Nam,

and Cambodia, the Associated States of French Indo-China beyond Siam's frontiers.

Siam has never come under foreign domination, except for the brief period of Japanese occupation during the war.

There is no envy of other countries, hardly any political complications such as other peoples have, and apparently no real fears for the future.

Siam might claim an attitude to world affairs that is almost unique. Sometimes it has even been suggested reprovingly that the Siamese should be more serious-minded.

## INTELLIGENT PEOPLE

A higher proportion of the people can read and write than is usual in Asia. They have the gifts and lively intelligence of an alert people. But they are not studious, say the disapproving, and further suggest that the cultural and technical books in their libraries are generally to be found with their leaves uncut.

The tolerant, good-natured Siamese do not agree with these accusations. They point to their country's prosperity, and ask if that indicates lack of progress and unconcern for culture and new techniques.

It may well be that their very confidence in their own way of life, and their contentment, may prove a bulwark for Siam's future safety in a highly troubled area.

Without doubt this astonishing country offers little encouragement to efforts for rousing rebellion and hatred among the people.

They hold in affection and respect their young King Phumibol Aduldet and his beautiful Queen Sirikit, who themselves look to Europe and the West as the true friends of Siam.

## ONE WEAKNESS

But there are weaknesses in the States which may prove a source of difficulty, one being the less happy situation of the three million Chinese, one-sixth of the total population of Siam.

The Chinese immigrants, however long their families may have been in Siam, are regarded in some degree as interlopers. The Government have sometimes made life difficult for the Chinese living within the borders.

This source of friction, however, provides no valid reason for an invasion of Siam, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the country, favoured by fortune in so many ways, will be allowed to solve the difficulties she does have in continued independence. Certainly Siam would vigorously defend her freedom.



By the C.N. Press Gallery Correspondent

FOR students of Parliament a recent Lords' debate on the Upper Chamber's "standing orders"—the rules which govern procedure—is full of interest.

Perhaps its chief interest is that it shows quite plainly that those who think their Lordships manage their debates without rules are wrong. There are, indeed, a good many rules; and they are founded on commonsense and wisdom.

Earl Jowitt is glad that in a recent revision two standing orders have been left unchanged. One cautions peers against asperity of speech. The other is "for avoiding of all mistakes, unkindnesses or other differences which may grow to quarrels."

As Lords' debates are not controlled by a Speaker, as in the Commons, it really is remarkable how good-temperedly their discussions flow. They are superb lessons in all that we cherish in the word "gentlemanliness."

ON the advice of the Earl of Drogheda, the House has already amended one of the new standing orders—the first in the list—which reads:

"When Her Majesty comes publicly to the House, all the Lords shall be attired in their robes or in such other dress as may be approved by Her Majesty, and shall sit in their due places."

The word "all" has been removed. For, as Lord Drogheda said, if that order were obeyed and all the 850 or so Lords of Parliament attended, the result would be "a considerable amount of chaos."

DISQUALIFICATIONS which bar public-spirited people from becoming Members of the House of Commons have been much exercising that chamber.

Several M.P.s have been asking that a "schedule of occupations" should be drawn up so that, in accepting one of these occupations, a man or woman knows that there is no infringement of the law which says an M.P. cannot sit in Parliament if he holds an "office of profit" under the Crown.

Mr. John Parker, M.P., points out that presumably there is no way of finding out what jobs do actually disqualify a person. Certainly, he indicates, no such list exists at the Home Office.

A professor friend of his who inquired was advised "to look at all the Statutes and work out for himself what jobs disqualified anybody from sitting... He attempted to do so, but did not come to any very precise conclusion."

I do not think that it is out of order to refer to an hon. Member as a "rubber stamp." I have heard it done once or twice. The words must be taken in a figurative rather than in a literal sense.—Mr. Speaker.

## News from Everywhere

### HILLBILLY OF KENT

Winner of an American Hillbilly essay competition, 16-year-old Ian Lee, of St. Mary's Cray, Kent, is to have a free trip to the U.S. in the Queen Elizabeth. He will be guest of honour at the National Hillbilly Music Day at Meridian, Mississippi.

One of Britain's loneliest jobs—warden of the bird-watching station on Lundy Island—is being taken up by Miss Barbara Whitaker of Maiden Newton, Dorset.

A fox was seen on a main road in the busy centre of Leicester.

### TOY MUSEUM

We are asked by the Toy Museum to state that all correspondence and gifts should be sent in future to The Hon. Secretary, Toy Museum, 21 Yeomans Row, London, S.W.3.

Sherpa Tenzing Norkay, who last year climbed Mount Everest, is spending three months' training in the Swiss Alps. Later he is to establish a school in India for Alpine Mountaineers.

A new microscope demonstrated in New York can magnify 200,000 times.

### WAR ON WOLVES

Animal hunters in Russia have pledged themselves to rid the country of wolves within five years.

Shoes with air-conditioning have been patented in Washington. Embodied in the heels are pumps which work like bellows and function at each step.

Plans are being made in America for establishing a weather and magnetic observation post at the South Pole.

### FLYING DENTISTS

A dental service has been established in the north-west wilds of Australia. A dental surgeon, his wife as his nurse, and a dental mechanic are equipped with a field unit, a lorry with extra fuel and water tanks, and a camping outfit. Some of the more remote districts will be visited by air.

A new 1200-acre reservoir to be completed next year in the Chew Valley, near Bristol, will have provision for yachting, fishing, and a bird sanctuary.

### NEW LEADER

Commissioner Wilfred Kitching has been elected General of the Salvation Army to succeed General Albert Orsborn, who retires next month. Well-known as a musician and composer, Commissioner Kitching has had 40 years' service as an officer in the S.A.

It was stated in the House of Lords recently that the cost of building a mile of roadway is £25,000.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR SILVER

On May 26, New Year's Day at Goldsmiths' Hall, a new date letter will be stamped on all silver articles assayed in London during the next 12 months. This year the letter will be T.

These date letters have been in use for nearly 500 years, and are important in determining the age of silver articles. They run through the alphabet from A to U, omitting J. The present cycle is 1936 to 1955.

To avoid confusion, different styles of type are used in each cycle. The letters are also stamped in shields of varying designs.

All silver articles, before being offered for sale in Britain, must be assayed for purity of metal.

On being passed as pure, they receive four stamps—the date letter, the standard silver mark, which is a lion, the mark of the Assay Office, and the initials of the maker.

## Ex-ship's captain becomes bishop

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boy and master mariner has skippered this boys' school in the coconut groves of the Solomon Islands and has seen his boys take important places in the life of the islands. They have become police officers, medical orderlies, government clerks, and ordained clergy.

Knowing the discipline of a ship's company, he has been a strict captain of the ship at Pawa, but all Melanesia respects him for it.

Alfred Thomas Hill is looking forward to standing once again on a real ship's bridge, for the Southern Cross, the ship which takes the Bishop round his diocese of a million square miles of land and water, is being replaced.

By next year, the present Southern Cross, seventh of her line, will be twenty-five years old.

So a new ship is needed, and this will cost about £100,000.

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The exhibition, open until Saturday this week, is at Willesden Motive Power Depot, Goodall Street, Old Oak Lane, N.W.10. The equipment on view includes locomotives, carriages, wagons, signalling gear, ship models, a track-relaying machine, and much apparatus seldom seen by the public.

Admission is 1s. for grown-ups, 6d. for children.

## STAMP SALE RUSH

A children's bargain stamp sale held recently at Westbury in Wiltshire proved as exciting to young philatelists as a drapery sale to their mothers.

Triangular and extra large stamps were offered at only a penny each in Mr. Philip Boulton's Book and Stamp Shop. So boys and girls came from far and wide, and at one time the street outside the shop was crowded with young collectors and some of their parents.

The sale was not due to begin until two o'clock, but the first customer in the queue was waiting at 1.20.

## CAVE ILLUMINATED BY GLOW-WORMS

Scenes of fantastic beauty met cave explorers who recently descended 250 feet to the floor of New Zealand's deepest known cave, which is near Te Kuiti in the North Island. The cavern was spangled by myriads of glow-worms, and the visitors took films of the colourful terraces, the stalactites, and stalagmites.

In two nearby caves they found scores of bones of the extinct moa, New Zealand's great flightless bird. Some were of a species which were believed to have been extinct for 1000 years.

## NEW SHIP FOR THE SCILLY ISLES

The people of the Scilly Isles have ordered a new ship to replace their present one, the s.s. Scillonian, which carries passengers and goods to and from the Cornish mainland. The old vessel, known to thousands of holiday-makers, is reaching the end of its sea-going life.

But to buy a new one means raising £205,000, no easy task for the islanders because last year Mr. Butler imposed income tax on them and recently they had to buy their capital town because it had been put up for sale.

The island community, less than 2000 in number, had saved up enough money for a new vessel just before the war, but costs have risen so much that now it faces the prospect of having to borrow the extra amount.

Visitors will be pleased to know that the new vessel will make the voyage from Penzance in an hour less than the old one.

## WATCH AWARD FOR WATCHFUL LAD

A 16-year-old schoolboy, Allan Hunter, of Glasgow, saw smoke coming from the Caulder Cinema while on an errand for his mother. He gave the alarm promptly, and the fire brigade arrived in time to save the building.

Allan was honoured at a special ceremony on the stage of the cinema, the Lord Provost of Glasgow presenting him with a new wristlet watch as a token of thanks.

## LINCOLN WORTHIES

Lincoln Cathedral has two new windows commemorating the great men who came from the Spilsby district of Lincolnshire. They are Admiral Sir John Franklin, who discovered the North-West passage; Matthew Flinders, his explorer cousin; Sir Joseph Banks, the naturalist, who sailed round the world with Captain Cook's expedition; and Captain John Smith, sailor, soldier, and founder of Virginia.



## Young farmers of Hertford

Patrick Godfrey, aged eleven, and his eight-year-old sister Susan are the owners of a small "farm" with three calves, five goats, two ponies, six rabbits, and ten bantams. Here they are seen feeding calves, some of which they bought by saving their pocket-money, in a field near their Hertford home.

## DEADLY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATED

A mosquito named Aedes Aegypti, breeding in the swamps of the Amazon River, had for centuries infested nearly the whole of Brazil, taking with it the deadly Yellow fever. For some years past a big battle has been waged by Brazilians against the insect. Into two-thirds of all the dwellings in Brazil the enemy was followed by insecticides. Sometimes repeated spraying had to be undertaken to ensure that all mosquito larvae were completely destroyed.

This task was actually completed about three years ago, but only after two or three years had elapsed could the authorities be certain that the victory was complete. Now the Brazilian Ministry of Health, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and the World Health Organisation have jointly reported that Aedes Aegypti no longer exists in Brazil.

## HUGE SKY MAP

A map of the night sky, as seen from the northern hemisphere, has just been finished by scientists of California University after seven years' work.

Such a complete picture of the movement of stars has never been possessed before, but a similar map will be made in 50 years' time to determine the true rotation of the stars over an extended time.

The task has been accomplished in the Mount Hamilton Observatory and with 1246 photographic plates, each measuring 17 inches square. The observatory's 20-inch astrographic telescope was used.

## SAFETY TESTS FOR CYCLISTS

Boy and girl cyclists at Barry, in Glamorgan, will be able to fly pennants on their machines if they are successful at the new road safety testing ground there opened recently by the Mayoress, who is chairman of the local committee.

Police are helping in giving the tests, and those who pass will also receive a badge and certificate. But any of them who afterwards fail to observe the rules of the road will lose their pennant, and be obliged to pass the test again before receiving another.

## MEDAL FOR NURSE MARIA

Miss Maria Skrbec, aged 30, decided in 1945 to leave her native Yugoslavia for England in order to train as a nurse. Now she has been awarded a gold medal for being the best student nurse at the West Middlesex Hospital.

On leaving home she went first of all to Italy, and spent two-and-a-half years as a "displaced person," all the while improving her knowledge of English against the day when she could come to Britain.

On arrival she became a hospital domestic worker for three years before being allowed to begin her three-year nursing training, which ended with her obtaining a total of 87 per cent in the final examinations.

## MEMORIAL TO A SCOUT

A new Scout training ground and camp has been opened at Gradbach, near Leek, Staffordshire. It covers 39 acres of countryside and is a tribute to the memory of Peter Watson, a 14-year-old Buxton Scout who through years of illness continued both his studies and his scouting.

A Manchester business man gave £200 for a memorial and the Buxton Association of Scouts opened a fund to make a training ground for use by Scouts from all over the world. The total cost has been £850. A 16th-century barn in the area will be used as camp headquarters.

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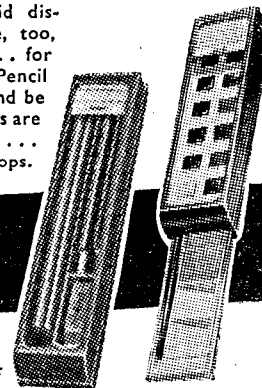
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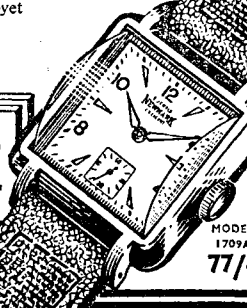
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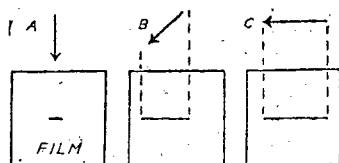
## CAMERA CORNER

Continuing our series of articles by an expert to help young photographers in getting better results.

### 9. Recording movement

LIFE is movement, and from earliest times photographers have tried to capture it. But if an object moves more than a small distance while the shutter is open, it appears blurred on the negative. In order to avoid this, high shutter speeds (up to one thousandth of a second) are used, but these are not possible with all cameras.

To photographers the most important thing about movement is its direction. This is shown by the diagram, in which three objects all moving at the same speed are photographed by three cameras at the same distance and with the same exposure. By looking at the record on the film in each case, you can see how it is affected by the direction of movement.



When the object moves from right to left (C) it covers almost the whole width of the film during exposure; when it travels at an angle to the film (B) movement is less; when the object moves directly towards the camera (A) movement is least.

In order to make the object appear sharp, the camera shutter

must only be open long enough to give adequate exposure while showing least movement on the negative.

If you could use one 25th of a second (box camera) for objects moving in direction A, this would have to be one 50th of a second for B and one 75th of a second for C.

You can confirm the effect of movement by trying to identify people moving while you keep one eye closed and your head still. Those moving quickly across your path will be completely blurred, unless they are at a fair distance.

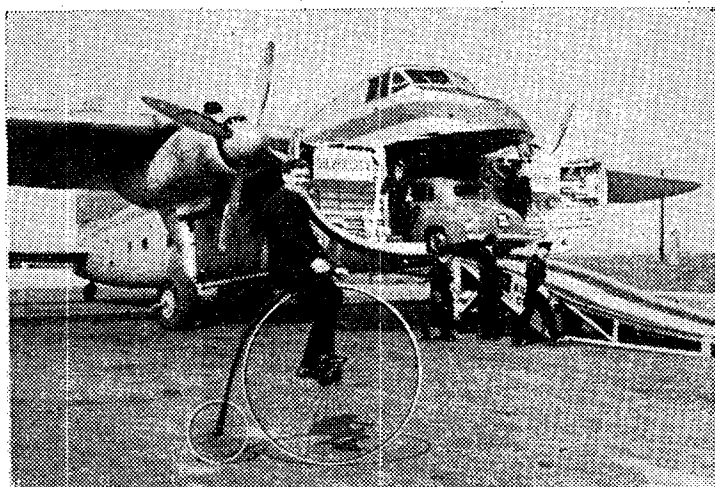
Distance is important, because the farther an object is from the camera the smaller it seems and the smaller is its record of movement on the film. Because of this, a moving object may appear sharp on a contact print, but an enlargement is blurred.

The faster an object moves, the shorter must be the exposure to get a sharp photograph. This means using a large lens, a high-speed film, and a variable shutter. If you have these things, you can obtain tables showing the shutter speeds required for different objects.

A good guide with simple cameras having one shutter speed is to photograph only slow-moving objects going directly towards or away from you. It is a waste of film to attempt the impossible with your camera.

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## ACROSS THE CHANNEL BY PENNYFARTHING



Alfred Nuttall on his pennyfarthing at Lympne Airport, Kent

A 24-year-old cyclist, Alfred Nuttall of Leeds, recently commemorated the first crossing of the Channel by an English cyclist 80 years ago by flying to France with his pennyfarthing bicycle.

It was in May 1874 that Mr. F. Felton of Elbury, North Malvern, crossed to Dieppe for a

Continental touring holiday, and gave the French their first sight of Britain's pennyfarthing!

Alfred Nuttall, dressed in the cycling dress of the period, rode to Lympne airport from Ashford and boarded the Silver City air ferry for Le Touquet. From there he made a 40-mile ride to the scene of the Battle of Agincourt.

A few weeks ago Alfred became the youngest man ever to receive the most coveted award of the Cyclists Touring Club—the Sir Alfred Bird Memorial Prize. He was given this in recognition of a 294-mile ride on a pennyfarthing which he made from Edinburgh to Harrogate last year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of a similar ride by Stanley Cotterell, who in 1878 founded the C.T.C.

### H.P. AIR TRAVEL

A "pay later" plan, by which air travellers can pay for their passage to any part of the world on an instalment basis, has been introduced by Pan American World Airways.

The traveller can pay one-tenth of the total cost before taking a trip, and subsequent repayment can be arranged in up to 20 monthly instalments.

## It happened this week

### BLIGH OF THE BOUNTY IN NEW MUTINY

MAY 24, 1797. SHEERNESS—The mutiny of the Fleet at the Nore becomes daily more grave.

Today the mutineers have marshalled all the ships scattered around Sheerness and disposed them in "battle array" of a double crescent with gunboats at the flanks.

Following the example of the sailors who mutinied at Spithead a month ago, the sailors here have also expelled "unpopular officers" from their ships.

One of the first officer victims was Captain William Bligh, who under instructions from the Admiralty is attempting to make overtures to the rebellious sailors.

Captain Bligh figured in another sensational mutiny eight years ago when the crew of the Bounty rebelled in the South Seas. He is widely known as Bread Fruit-Bligh, being credited with having discovered that food in Australia when sailing round the world with Captain Cook.

Sailors from the Nore fleet make daily appearances in Sheerness, parading and demonstrating. Every man wears red ribbons in his hat.

The Nore sailors are supporting the demands made by their Spithead comrades. They demand better pay, provisions of good quality and full weight, fresh vegetables and fresh meat when in port, and better conditions for sick and wounded. Some claim that a year's pay is owing to them!

### HOLIDAYS FIXED

MAY 25, 1871. LONDON—By decree today four days in the year become official Bank Holidays in England:

The days are Easter Monday, Whit Monday, the first Monday in August, and December 26, or, if that be a Sunday, the next day. Good Friday and Christmas Day are already established as holidays.

The Bank Holidays fixed for Scotland are New Year's Day and Christmas Day (or the next day if they fall on a Sunday), Good Friday, and the first Mondays in May and August.

All factories and offices are expected to regard these days as general holidays in the future.

### KING CHARLES WELCOMED

MAY 29, 1660. LONDON—Eleven years after the execution of King Charles I Britain has a king again.

At seven o'clock this evening his son, King Charles II, was greeted in Whitehall by members of both Houses of Parliament.

He landed at Dover after a two-day sail from The Hague on board the Naseby, which has been rechristened the Royal Charles in memory of this historic voyage which brought a Stuart monarch back to the Throne and ended the Cromwellian Protectorate.

He was met on landing by General Monk, who embraced him and addressed him as "Father."

ERNEST THOMSON says that for the first time . . .

## TV GOES TO SEA

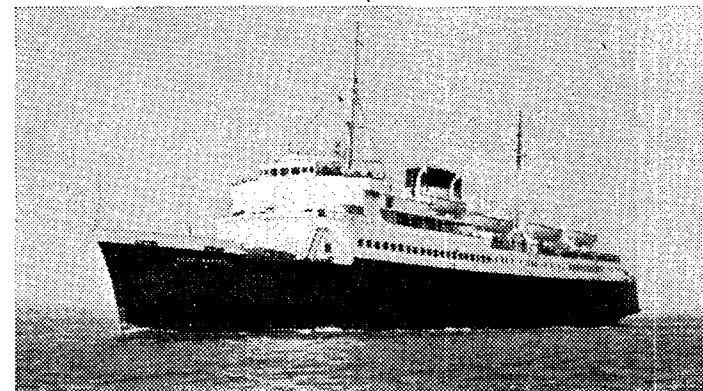
### Cameras aboard a cross-Channel ferry

SEA travel by TV, a long-cherished ambition of the BBC, becomes a reality for the first time on Sunday. A mobile transmitter fitted on board British Railways' s.s. Lord Warden will come into action at 2.30 p.m., a few minutes before this famous car ferry leaves Boulogne Harbour for Dover. Except for a brief spell in mid-Channel, viewers will see the 1½-hour voyage from start to finish.

Two cameras will be mounted

show life on board as the ship moves past the harbour bar out to the open sea. During a short interval in the broadcast one camera will be taken down to the engine room.

As the programme reopens it is hoped to pick up the white cliffs of Dover. Then, down among the engines, commentator Peter Dimmock will be asking the Chief Engineer, Mr. J. Bamforth, about operations below decks as the ship reaches Dover Harbour.



The s.s. Lord Warden

on the bridge; a third, slung from one of the quayside cranes, will give a bird's-eye view of the harbour before being lowered on to the aft deck to show how cars are run down the loading ramp on to the ferry.

Boulogne is a busy port, and to describe what is going on, Richard Dimbleby, the commentator, will have with him M. Sarraz-Bournet, President of the Boulogne Chamber of Commerce.

When the 3333-ton ferry casts off, the cameras on the bridge will

Up on the bridge again, a camera will peep over the shoulder of Captain G. D. Walker, D.S.C., Master of the Lord Warden, during the complicated manoeuvres for berthing the vessel.

TV engineers carried out successful tests on the Lord Warden in October 1952. Pictures from the mobile transmitter on the car deck will be received at Swin-gate, near Dover, and relayed to London over the radio link specially installed for Eurovision a week later.

### Ask Wilfred

ON Friday Wilfred Pickles starts in TV the nearest thing to Family Favourites in sound radio. Ask Pickles, as he calls it, will be seen fortnightly and is aimed at giving viewers the freedom of the screen. They may ask for anything reasonable, as he explained in a recent TV talk which brought in 10,000 request postcards in seven days.

Requests can range from a film of the Test Match to a return visit of the monkeys who broke up a session of Guess My Story. Gramophone records are ruled out but there will be an orchestra in the studio, and favourite songs and singers can be asked for.



Wilfred Pickles

### Recalling D-Day

SUNDAY, June 6, will be the tenth anniversary of D-Day, which saw the first successful cross-Channel invasion (in the reverse direction) since William the Conqueror landed at Pevensey in 1066.

To mark this anniversary the BBC will be broadcasting in the Light Programme at intervals all day from the Normandy beach-heads and many other battle-grounds on the Continent. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who was British Commander-in-Chief, will be heard speaking, and there will be linking narrative by Lord Tedder.

It is hoped that many of the BBC's original war correspondents will be speaking.

### Coppelia as play

To most people Coppelia means a celebrated ballet to music by Delibes. But the story is exciting enough to stand by itself, and in Children's TV on Thursday (repeated on Sunday) it can be seen as a play.

According to the story, Dr. Coppelius makes a beautiful marionette, Coppelia, who comes to life. Frantz, a peasant lad, falls in love with her, whereupon his fiancée, Swanilda, wreaks vengeance on the unfortunate Doctor.

### Racing at Aintree

AINTREE will be the scene of a different sport on Saturday when motor racing begins on the new track constructed round the Grand National course.

Light Programme listeners can hear commentaries on the races organised by the British Automobile Racing Club.



# AN EPIC OF THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

On this page we give scenes from a wonderful documentary film called *The Back of Beyond*. Made by the Shell Film Unit, it is dedicated to those valiant pioneers, a dauntless few, who have chosen to dwell in almost incredible loneliness in a parched and desolate region of Australia.

If there are still people who think that documentaries are dull affairs this is a film which will make them revise their opinions. Thrilling in an eerie way, it is also an epic of the human spirit, and we wish it were possible for it to be shown in every school in these islands.

THE *Back of Beyond* tells its strange story by following what must be one of the most hazardous postman's rounds in the world. This begins at the end of a railway line, at Maree, the farthest outpost of civilisation in the north-west of South Australia.

From here, once a fortnight, a postman and his Aborigine mate set out in a battered but tough old lorry to fight the sand on their 700-mile round, serving a handful of never-say-die settlers scattered over a semi-desert.

This is a part of the world where a sandstorm can quickly bury a man and leave no trace; a region where a maze of dry watercourses can become a lake 40 miles wide in a matter of weeks—and dry up again in a few days.

There are no roads as we in this country understand the word. Tom Kruse the postman, and his black assistant cross the desert via the 300-mile Birdsville Track,

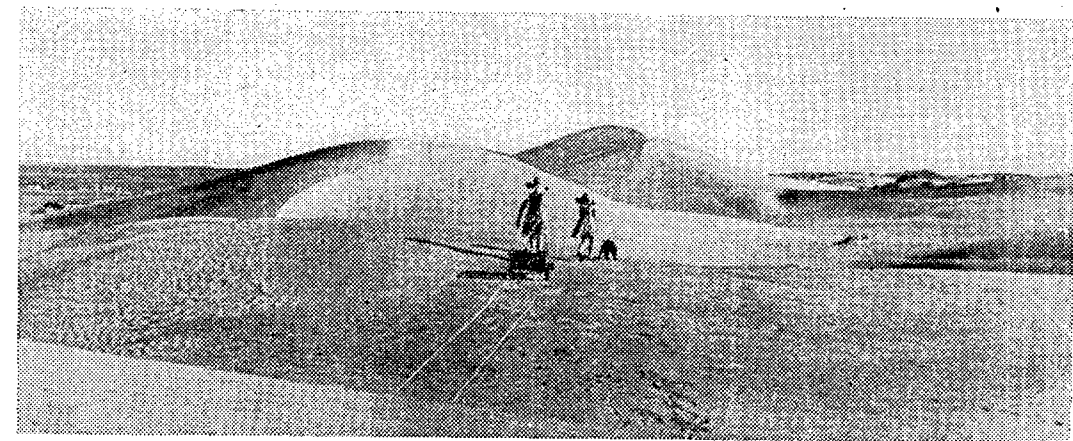
which links Maree with Birdsville, a tiny settlement in Queensland.

The Track, which is also the main stock route for moving cattle, takes Tom and Henry across deserts of sand and stones; across endless gibber plains that can pulverise animals' feet or tear car tyres to bits; along bone-dry river beds which a short time before may have been torrents—and may soon be so again.

Often their lorry is stuck axle deep in soft sand, but they carry spades to dig themselves out—it is all part of a day's work.

Sometimes they find a flood across their path, but this, too, is something they have prepared for. Tom Kruse (a wonderful leading man) and his devoted Henry load the mail and goods onto an old landing barge, ferry them across the waters, and re-load them onto a second lorry, kept for just such an emergency.

What sort of folk are they who spend their lives in this "land



The trackless, waterless waste of sand dunes in the Lake Eyre basin



Old Joe the Rainmaker

beyond the sunset"? Oddly enough, cattle can flourish here and there, and the few lonely white settlers earn their living by their herds. But utter loneliness is their lot. Their only visitors from the outside world are Tom Kruse or, occasionally, one from the "Flying Doctor" base at Broken Hill, some 500 miles away.

There are only three or four families along this desolate Birdsville Track. Their nearest neighbours may be 90 miles away—but they are the friendliest of neighbours, keeping in touch by radio.

Forty years ago there were from 15 to 20 settlements, and the ruins of their homes, half buried in sand, are grim relics of their lost battle. They went back to the centres of civilisation, beaten by the loneliness and the drought.

## DINGO HUNTER

Another ruin is that of a mission station, started 40 years ago by the Lutheran Father Vogelsang, for Aborigines. "This place gives me the horrors," says "Jack the Dogger," a picturesque character who lives by keeping down the dingo dogs that prey on sheep. He drives round this never-never land in an ancient car and earns one pound for every dingo he destroys.

Another local character in the picture is an Aborigine "rain-maker." He sang and danced his rain song before the cameras with enthusiasm. Shortly afterwards three inches of rain fell in six hours, which bogged down the film unit for three days—surely a rain-maker's record!

Making this picture was in itself



A family goes out to meet the mail van as it reaches journey's end

an adventure lasting three months. The Shell film people travelled over 6000 miles in vehicles which had to carry all their food, petrol, water, medical supplies, camping gear, camera and sound equipment, and much else.

They were persecuted almost beyond endurance by vast clouds of flies, which could settle on a man's back so thickly as to hide his shirt. On occasions it was almost impossible to raise a sandwich to one's mouth or drink from a cup before the flies got at them. Keeping them off the lens of the camera was a constant problem.

Filming was frequently held up by sudden dust-storms. Twice the units' camp was blown down by 90-mile-an-hour gusts in these hurricanes of stinging dust. The chief concern, however, was to keep the fine powder-like dust out of their cameras.

Sandstorms often obliterated

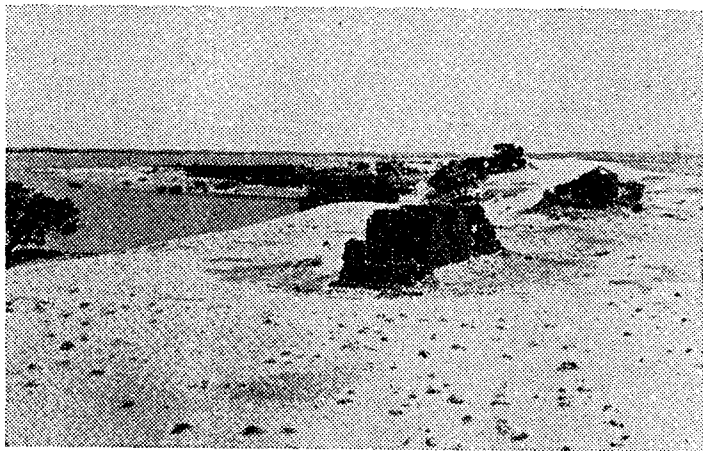
the tracks their vehicles had made, so that they were in danger of being lost altogether. All they could see, as far as the horizon, was just one sandhill after another.

Altogether, these film-makers had rather more than a taste of the lives of the indomitable white settlers who, by facing the relentless cycle of droughts and floods, are opening up these empty spaces.

## DAUNTLESS PIONEERS

The dwellers of the Outback are an example of the human spirit buoyant in the most depressing circumstances, and if the "dead heart" of Australia is ever made to live, it will be because of their pioneer efforts.

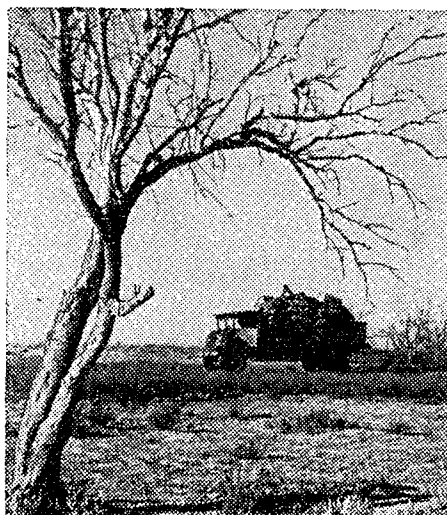
Inquiries about the distribution of *The Back of Beyond* should be sent to The Shell Petroleum Company, Limited, Public Relations Department, Victory House, 99 Regent Street, London, W.1.



The ruins of the old Mission at Cooper's Creek



Film-making in difficult conditions



The Birdsville Mail among the coolibah trees



Where dwellers in the desert once worshipped



# Children's Newspaper

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## GREAT DAY

MAY 30 is Empire Youth Sunday. In Britain and some 36 countries overseas many thousands of young people will attend religious services to dedicate themselves to the Commonwealth ideals of service and brotherhood, and to hear the Queen's special message for the occasion.

Many of them will also be sending their own messages of greeting and goodwill to schools or youth clubs in other lands.

The enthusiasm of boys and girls for Empire Youth Sunday grows every year. For example, 15,000 of them attended the services in Melbourne last year—5000 more than in 1952; and in Singapore there were 30,000 last year compared with 25,000 the year before.

The spirit of the day has been well expressed by the President of the Singapore Youth Council.

"The unique manner in which each group," he said, "whether Christian, Buddhist, Mohammedan, Hindu, or Jew, will give thanks to God . . . is a heritage which we hope to preserve, and a privilege that only the free world can give."

It is also a spirit which makes the association of peoples in the British Commonwealth an example of good neighbourhood for the whole world.

SOUND over all waters, reach out from all lands,  
The chorus of voices, the clasp of hands;  
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;  
With glad jubilation bring hope to the nations.

John Greenleaf Whittier

## Under the Editor's Table

Pianists should avoid mannerisms. And some should avoid pianos.

Few people enjoy sleeping in the open. Yet most like to have their sleep out.

Shaking hands is a silly Western habit, says a doctor. But better than shaking fists.

Many people find it difficult to understand their rights. But not their wrongs.

## MOST WONDERFUL HAT TRICK

THE crowded London borough of Islington has reason to be proud of its road safety record. For the third successive year, not one of its 40,000 children has been killed on the borough's roads, which include A1, the Great North Road.

The last fatal accident to children was on May 4, 1951, and the other day Inspector Macdonald of Caledonian Road police station was able to tell the Islington Borough Council road safety officer, Mr. W. Strachan, that he had completed a "no-accident hat trick."

It is a truly wonderful record, reflecting great credit on the Council, the police, and all others who are responsible for teaching road safety in this borough.

## Fly the Flag

IN these days when new houses are going up everywhere, it seems a pity that a certain old tradition is not still maintained.

It used to be the custom to fly the Union Jack from the chimney of a new house when the last brick had been placed in position.

The flag fluttering from new chimneys would be a fine, inspiring sight. If builders will only re-institute the custom, the house-owners and tenants will surely be encouraged to keep the flag flying.

## Think on These Things

HUMAN effort should be inspired by the Spirit of Jesus, as the source of true good.

In his First Epistle to the Corinthians (chapter 12) St. Paul states that the unity of God's work is like the organic unity of the human body, where all limbs are essential for the welfare of the whole.

"Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

God uses the special gifts of every man, among which Paul includes "governments," meaning leadership.

God appoints people with different functions to do the work of the Church so that the special gifts of every man can be fittingly used.

F. P.

PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW

If bellringers  
always pull  
their weight

A boy has won a walking race two years running. Sounds as if he should have been disqualified.

We all do what people expect us to do. Or what we expect them to expect us to do.

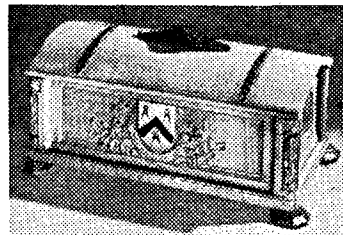
# The Editor's Table

## Needed by a nurse

MRS. HELEN FLORENTINE of Chicago, a prominent public health authority, has listed her idea of the various qualities needed by a nurse.

They include the energy of a debt collector, the tenacity of a bulldog, the curiosity of a cat, and the patience of a self-sacrificing wife.

## For Queen Juliana



This casket was presented to Queen Juliana of the Netherlands when she received the honorary freedom of the Carpenters' Company, one of the ancient guilds of the City of London. It is made of wood from the Dutch Church in Austin Friars, in the City, and from Carpenters' Hall, both destroyed during the war.

## The proper study of mankind

SHIRLEY BOOTH advises aspiring actors to "absorb character" by careful study of the people around them. "Watch, listen, observe," she counsels. "Gather your own portrait gallery of characterisations."

Sound advice; but boys and girls are well advised to keep their character impersonations strictly for the stage. Some people are notably touchy about their mannerisms and strongly resent being imitated by young people, no matter how talented.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, May 31, 1924

WHEN ships groping their way through fog at sea come near the Lizard some of their troubles now are lightened, because the Cornish wireless station, as soon as they can get in touch with it, will tell a ship exactly where it is, and also will wireless to it the positions of other ships that are anywhere near it.

In a short time from now other coast stations will be fitted with instruments for the same purpose, with navigators in charge, so that all round the coast approaching ships will run into a zone of wireless that will guide them in the way they should go, preserving them from collisions, and warning them, in the stormy days of winter or the fogs of spring and autumn, when they are too near the coast or to dangerous shoals and rocks.

## JUST AN IDEA

As the Revd. Pat McCormick wrote: God does not work miracles to save us trouble.

## AMBASSADOR OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN

DANNY KAYE, one of the best-loved film stars of the present day, has been appointed "honorary Ambassador-at-Large" for the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef). He is now on a tour of India, Burma, Thailand, and the Philippines, directing the production of a colour film on the work of Unicef in these countries. On returning to the United States in July, he will edit the picture and supply the commentary.

And why was Danny Kaye chosen for this assignation? Listen to Mr. Maurice Pate, Unicef's Director:

"In addition to his brilliant talent as a performer, Mr. Kaye also has great talent as a humanitarian. Few people know this side of the man. We have asked Mr. Kaye to undertake this mission for the United Nations Children's Fund because we feel that he is admirably equipped to help us make the needs of children in underdeveloped countries known to the world."

We heartily agree. Danny Kaye's talents have a world-wide appeal, and there is no worthier world-wide cause to which he could devote them.

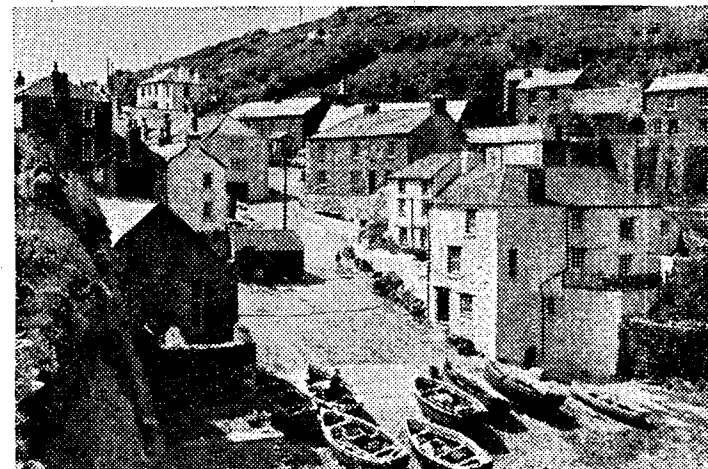
## Too many hips spoil the hurrah

WRITERS to The Times have been discussing whether two "hips" or three should precede our "hurrahs"; whether three cheers should, in fact, contain six hips or nine.

It was also said that girls shout "hurrah" but boys "hurray."

Perhaps the question is not so unimportant as it may seem. Some schools have rigid traditions in such matters, and one can imagine the horror of the assembled governors, masters, parents, and pupils should the captain absentmindedly shout: "Hip, hip, *hip*" instead of the prescribed "hip, hip."

For ever after it will be said of him: "He was quite a decent chap really, but at the end of his last term he dropped the most awful clanger; he gave three hips instead of two!"



OUR HOMELAND

Peaceful Portloe in Cornwall

The Children's Newspaper, May 29, 1954

## THEY SAY . . .

NEITHER individuals nor nations are safe with a vacuum in their souls. It is to save our nation and our children from this that we urge the vital importance of religious education.  
The Archbishop of York

THE average modern boy is not likely to want to hit any sort of headline.  
The headmaster of Harrow School

THOSE who condone snobbery . . . are condoning an evil which is, perhaps, the most outstanding cause of misunderstanding between peoples and nations and races.

Canon J. L. Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral

THE test for a job should be capacity, not age.

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour

IF I may put it this way, the London bobby himself is known throughout the world as the symbol of British democracy. Long may that continue.

The Home Secretary

HOLD on to the changeless things in a changing world, and you will neither be too excited nor too afraid. Without foresight, devotion, and sacrifice, nothing of lasting worth can ever be accomplished.

Professor John Macmurray, of Edinburgh

## Out and About

THE beauty of yellow flowers is enhanced by the sunlight. So many of them, especially the buttercups in the meadow, are shining gold; or there is a bright mass of yellow of the meadow crowfoot, and a softer, gleaming yellow of the humble golden celandine.

At the bottom of the meadow, sheltered by a piece of bushy hedge, some wild flags are preparing to open their handsome yellow blooms, when we shall feel that "fleur-de-lys" is a still better name for these tall graceful irises.

Then there are the flying flowers, as we might call the butterflies; they are of many colours just now, but they include some meadow browns and orange-tips. Maybe you can find some nearer to yellow than these. In a week or two there will be yellow brimstones about, anyhow.

C. D. D.



## PAIGNTON'S LOVELY ZOO

### Attraction for botanists as well as animal-lovers

HALF a mile from the centre of Paignton, on the main road to Totnes and Plymouth, in a typical Devonshire valley, stands one of the loveliest zoos in the West Country—the Paignton Zoological and Botanical Gardens, to give it its full title.

It is a 75-acre estate in which you will find not only animals drawn from all parts of the world, but numerous exotic plants and flowers—one reason why Paignton

#### Tubful of bush-baby



This is what a bush-baby looks like when it is put in an empty ice-cream tub!

Zoo, in Spring and Summer, becomes almost as popular with botanists as with animal-lovers.

Probably because of the genial climate, Paignton Zoo has a higher birth-rate among its animals than most other British zoos, and this Spring is no exception. Mr. Kenneth Smith, the superintendent, tells me that this year's babies, born since January, include Victor, a West African Tantalus monkey; Yank, a North American raccoon; two Bennett's wallabies (a Tasmanian species); twin palm civets (catlike animals from West Africa); and Vip ("Very Important Person"), a rare Cape Barron goose.

#### BOTTLE-FED

"We had a little disappointment with the palm civets, Tick and Tock," said Mr. Smith. "When only three days old they were deserted by their mother. However, we are now rearing them satisfactorily on milk fed from a doll's feeding-bottle. Miss Trudy Boley-Hills, who is in charge of our Pets' Corner, is looking after Tick and Tock. She takes them to and from her home in Torquay so that they can be fed in 'after-duty' hours.

"But the mother Tantalus is a very fine Mamma. She is rearing her baby well, and by day she carries it around all the time, showing it proudly to visitors. Incidentally, this is her third baby in four years, and all are still alive—pretty well a record."

Many animals from abroad have recently reached Paignton in time for the 1954 season. They include

Bay lynxes, Arctic foxes, chinchillas, and numerous other small animals, among which is a bushy-tailed bush-baby from Mombasa, so tame that it readily takes spiders and mealworms from the keeper's fingers.

For young visitors, one of Paignton's main attractions is the Pets' Corner, where there is a wide variety of creatures, from restless white mice to sedate, wise-looking owls. Show pieces of the Corner this season are a picturesque Mousetown, and also a model of a typical Devonshire village, complete with church, manor house, village inn, and farmsteads.

#### TAILS TO SHOW

One feature for which Paignton Zoo has become noted in the zoological world is its very fine collection of peafowl, many of them bred by the zoo. There are as many as 250 of them, and they will be encountered at almost every corner just now, displaying their lovely tails to their consorts.

Other kinds of bird which are well represented just now at Paignton are sea-birds. Most of them are specimens which have been found, with their plumage badly oiled, on the Torbay coasts, and which, after being cleaned, are put down on one of the zoo's larger lakes. Mr. Smith tells me that birds brought in during the last few weeks include a Great Northern diver, a red-throated diver, Manx shearwaters, and many guillemots and razor-bills.

## HOST TO A SPANISH GRANDEE

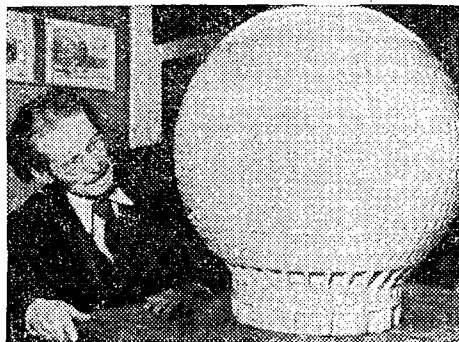
It is good news that the ancient Manor House of Wolfeton at Charminster, Dorset, is to be preserved for the nation. When repairs are finished the public will be admitted.

Wolfeton House was built by Sir Thomas Trenchard in 1505 and remodelled by another Trenchard in the reign of James I. Thomas Hardy mentions it in his Group of Noble Dames, and the old building is full of historic stories.

Looking at the massive walls and rounded towers of the gatehouse, a page of history comes to life before us. In 1506 Philip, Archduke of Austria, and his wife Joan were on their way to claim the Throne of Castile when a storm drove their ship into Weymouth Bay for shelter.

#### Garage goes round

Like most cities Munich lacks car parks. So Peter Birkenholz, one of the local architects, had the idea of a round garage capable of housing 1000 cars. Here he is seen with the model of his curious ball-shaped building which is to help solve the city's parking problem.



## BRITAIN'S OLD MAP-MAKERS

Our old map-drawers were artists of great ability. And this is amply demonstrated in an exhibition of old Kentish maps in the County Hall at Maidstone.

The specimens on view are adorned with birds, fruit, flowers, trees, cherubs, horns of plenty, pastoral scenes, ruins and rocks, agricultural implements, ships at sea, and so on. One, drawn in 1718, gives a delightful glimpse of a young couple waiting for the ferry at Harty, in the Isle of Sheppey.

Big houses were shown as individual little pictures, and some of these are of special archaeological interest today, because the buildings portrayed have since been destroyed.

#### HANDED DOWN

A 1717 map of Rochester has drawings of the cathedral and castle. Another, of Romney Marsh, made a hundred years earlier, shows all the churches, windmills, bridges, and houses.

Map-making was a craft handed from one generation to another. Some 50 surveyor-artists worked in Kent between 1600 and 1800, and few of them moved outside the county boundaries. Thomas Hogben, who lived from 1703 to 1774, combined surveying with his job as the schoolmaster of Smarden and making sundials.

It is to be hoped that other counties will follow the example of Kent (and of Essex in 1947) and arrange displays of old maps. They are not only things of beauty in themselves, but are of absorbing interest to students of local development. The Maidstone Exhibition is open until June 4, and admission is free.

Sir Thomas Trenchard was sheriff of Dorset at the time, and knew that Henry VII would wish him to honour these visitors. So he went to Weymouth to meet them and offered them hospitality at Wolfeton House.

Because Sir Thomas spoke no Spanish and King Philip no English, they needed an interpreter. So Sir Thomas sent for his cousin Squire Russell, who had lived in Spain and could speak the language fluently.

King Philip found Russell so useful that he took him to court when they went to visit the English king. Henry VII also took a fancy to this clever man, and in due course he became Duke of Bedford, thus founding the fortunes of that illustrious family.

## The C.N. National Handwriting Test of 1954

### A Record Entry—1400 Prizes Won

CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER has pleasure in announcing the result of its fifth National Handwriting Test. A record entry was received for this competition, and CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER congratulates the many schools which displayed notable standards of penmanship in their papers.

Opportunity is taken of thanking schools and teachers throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands for their invaluable help and co-operation, which contributed so greatly to the success of the Test.

The chief awards are announced below. All other awards will be notified to schools; as soon as it is printed, the full list of prize-winners' names will be posted to every school which participated in the Test.

#### GROUP A (For pupils under 9)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

George Rutherford, of Dykehead Public School, Port of Menteith Stn., by Stirling. (Home address: Schoolhouse, Dykehead, Port of Menteith Stn.)

Second Prize—School £10, Pupil £3:

Alistair Cooke, of Ballyarnett P. School, Londonderry. (Home address: Ballyarnett, Londonderry.)

Third Prize—School £5, Pupil £2:

Timothy Moore, of Jobs Close School, Knowle, Warwickshire. (Home address: Tilehouse Green Lane, Knowle.)

#### GROUP B (For pupils of 9 to under 13)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

Sheila Race, of Hove County School for Girls, Hove, Sussex. (Home address: 112, Godwin Rd., Hove 4.)

Second Prize—School £10, Pupil £3:

Joan Hedley, of Model Primary School, Newtownards, County Down. (Home address: 25, Crawfordsburn Rd., Newtownards.)

Third Prize—School £5, Pupil £2:

Anthony Hartigan, of Barborough Hall School, Barborough, nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire. (Home address: St. Ronans, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.)

#### GROUP C (For pupils of 13 to under 17)

First School Prize of £25 and Pupil's Prize of £5:

Ann Airey, of The Gregg School, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (Home address: 9, Monks Road, W. Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.)

## BUILDER OF THE FORTH BRIDGE

The memory of Sir Benjamin Baker, builder of the Forth Bridge, is honoured by the newly-instituted Baker Lectures, the first of which was given on May 15 in Edinburgh to the Society of Engineers.

Sir Benjamin Baker well earned this tribute for he had a formidable task on hand in spanning the Forth at Queensferry. The distance was nearly 1½ miles, and in the centre of the river there was only one small island capable of supporting a pier. On either side of this island was a channel 1700 feet wide where the current flowed deep and swift.

In the circumstances it was decided to build the Forth Bridge on the cantilever principle. The simplest example of a cantilever is that of a plank laid between two

trees which are leaning over a stream from different banks.

It was decided that three pairs of cantilevers should be used, the central pair being established on the island.

For the foundations in the river bed great circular steel caissons were sunk, and then men went down inside them and dug away the river bed. As they did so the caissons, which had sharp bottom edges, sunk into the sub-soil. Later each caisson was filled with concrete, and on this solid foundation the piers were built.

It took 5000 men, working day and night for seven years, to complete this engineering marvel, and the bridge was opened in March 1890. It cost over £3,000,000, and 6,500,000 rivets were used.



## THE GUIDING SPIRIT

Girl Guides are now established in 32 countries, and have a total membership of nearly three million—an increase of 500,000 in the last two years. This and other interesting facts about World Guiding were given at the recent annual meeting by Dame Leslie Whateley.

She told members of the great difficulties girls in every part of the globe are overcoming to establish their organisation. Burmese girls had no Guide textbooks in their own language when they started. African Guides sometimes could not afford to buy their own badges, and one company may share three or four, taking it in turns to wear them.

### HANGING UP BABY

There is much enthusiasm for Guiding in New Guinea, where the Brownie uniform consists of a skirt and a scarf on which to pin the badge. Mothers there who come over the mountains or by canoe to the Sessions bring their babies and hang them up in string bags on trees.

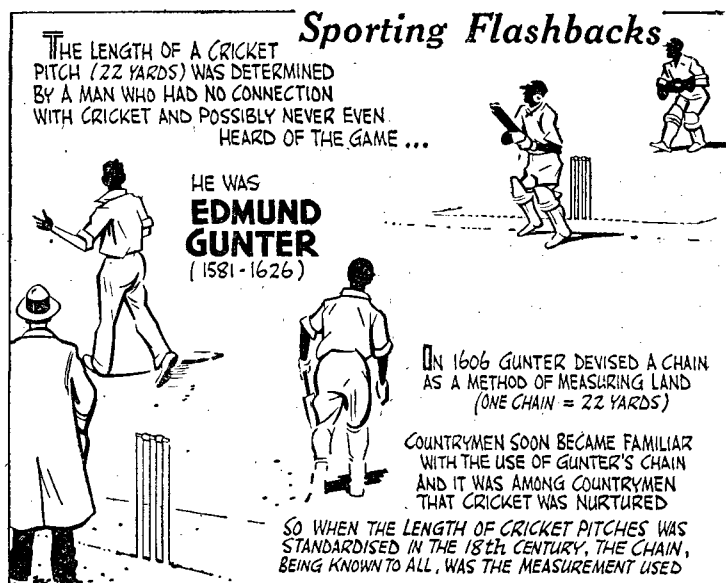
Dame Whateley told stories of the spirit of Guiding in Greece, where one child in every eight is either maimed or orphaned, and Rangers have their summer camps near distressed villages so that they can help the people.

Guides can indeed be proud of the fine comradeship their movement inspires everywhere.

## NEW ROAD IN THE NEGEB

The sun-baked silence of the Negeb Desert, situated in southern Israel, for centuries disturbed only by slow-moving camel caravans, will soon be broken by the sound of powerful motor vehicles speeding along a modern highway now being built.

When completed, this road will stretch 140 miles from Beersheba to the port of Eilat on the Red Sea and, with the existing road



## KNIGHTS OF THE PEN IN WEST AFRICA

Two young men, Trevor Shaw and David Smithers, have left their writing desks in London for an adventure with their pens in West Africa. They told a CN correspondent that they intend to build up a publishing house on the Ivory Coast with the purpose of giving the Africans "something good to read."

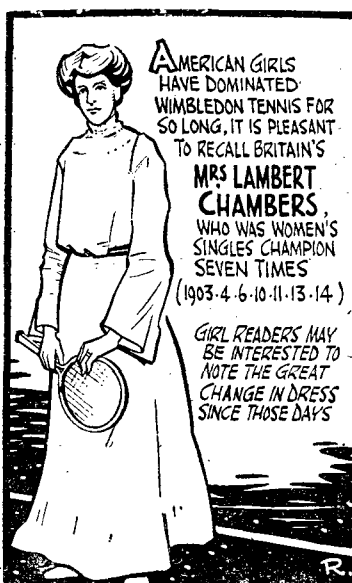
Both Trevor Shaw and David Smithers are young ex-Servicemen who have seen something of the needs of the world, and both have lived and worked in Africa. David Smithers edited the Benghazi News while the land of Libya was in British occupation.

Trevor Shaw has already shown what can be done with paper, a lively pen, and a printing machine in Africa. His home is in New Zealand, but he has worked in Nigeria and there started a paper called The African Challenge, which now has a circulation of 30,000 copies a month.

Along the Ivory Coast, years ago, gangs of slaves used to be collected for export across the Atlantic to the West Indies and the Southern States of U.S.A. Now the Ivory Coast people are demanding education, schools, and newspapers. Many undesirable papers are circulating, and much of the literature is of a very poor quality.

This is where the two new knights of the pen come in. They feel that they have a mission to give Africa the best in place of all the bad things that were done in years gone by.

There are millions of new readers along the west coast of Africa, and many of them are proficient in English or French, and it is these new literates that young Trevor Shaw and David



## HISTORIC HQ OF GOLF

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, the world's ruling authority on the game, is 200 years old this month.

It was in May 1754 that "twenty-two noblemen and gentlemen, being admirers of the ancient and healthful exercise of the golf," drafted articles and laws which still form the basis of the game. They also subscribed for a silver club to be competed for by all in Great Britain and Ireland, the winner to be known as "Captain of the golf."

### GAME FROWNED ON

"Gowf," however, was not always approved of in its cradle land. The Scottish Parliament decreed in 1459 that "Fute ball and the Golfe be utterly cryit downe, and nocht usit," and that "schuting at the butts" (archery) was to be encouraged instead.

But 35 years later only football was banned, and the blithesome golfers were out once more on the "links"—stretches of sandy soil covered by short grass which are prevalent on the Scottish coast.

The title, Royal and Ancient, was given to St. Andrews Club by King William IV when he became its patron in 1834.

To mark the bi-centenary, a special tournament is to be held between May 31 and June 5 for golfers from the British Commonwealth of Nations.

## PRODUCING ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING

A new generator, the largest of its kind in Britain, has been opened at the National Physical Laboratories at Teddington, Middlesex, to test the resistance of electrical equipment.

The generator, built by Ferranti, cost £30,000 and weighs some 50 tons.

At its first public testing 20-foot flashes, representing a discharge of over three million volts, were

produced across a row of insulators hanging from the roof of the High Voltage Laboratory. In other words, this was artificial lightning. The flashes were accompanied by what could be described as miniature thunderclaps.

The generator will now be used to test high voltage equipment, generators, transformers, and cables before they are used in Britain's grid system.

## THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER—picture-version of Mark Twain's famous story (2)

Tom Sawyer was a high-spirited orphan boy who lived with his aunt in a Mississippi village of the 1840's.

Ordered as a punishment to whitewash the garden fence, he tricked other boys into doing it for him, and

giving him many of their schoolboy treasures for the privilege. Now he had plans for becoming a celebrity.



Tom "traded" his newly-acquired wealth for tickets given to Sunday-school scholars for learning verses. Ten yellow tickets, earned by memorising 2000 verses, entitled the holder to a Bible. Tom could not learn verses, but he longed for the glory of being presented with a Bible in front of the others. By the time the children trooped into Sunday school he had obtained the ten coveted yellow tickets.

That morning was a grand occasion—the County Judge was visiting the Sunday school. When Tom took up his tickets the Superintendent was astounded! The boys were eaten up with envy; but the bitterest pangs were suffered by those who perceived too late that they themselves had contributed to this hated splendour by trading tickets to Tom for the wealth he had amassed in selling whitewashing privileges!

The Judge made a speech praising Thomas for his industry. "No doubt you know the names of the twelve disciples," he said, turning to the prize-winner. "Won't you tell us the names of the first two who were appointed?" Tom tugged at a button and looked sheepish. The Superintendent's heart sank. "Answer the gentleman—don't be afraid!" he urged. There was an awful silence until Tom replied: "David and Goliath!"

Tom's glory, like his wealth, vanished! Gloomily he was on his way to school next morning when he met Huckleberry Finn, the son of the village drunkard, who never went to school and lived as he pleased. Huck was eager to try a new way of curing warts. This involved going to the churchyard at midnight, when demons might come for a recently buried wicked man. Tom agreed to make the experiment that night.

What adventures will Huck's superstitious notions lead to? See next week's instalment



# ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Darbishire has gained an undeserved reputation as a first-class swimmer although, in point of fact, he can swim only a few strokes. When he is chosen to swim for his house in the junior relay, Jennings plans to give him some coaching, but this scheme is a failure. Now Darbishire is appalled at the prospect of having to swim out of his depth.

## 19. Darbishire takes the plunge

OF the 79 boarders of Linbury Court School who awakened next morning to the sound of the rising bell, fully 78 leapt from their beds tingling with a thrill of anticipation.

But the 79th boarder was C. E. J. Darbishire, and the excited atmosphere aroused no answering echo in his heart. For it was Friday, the day of the inter-house swimming sports . . . He sat up in bed surveying the happy revellers with a jaundiced eye, and wishing that he could hibernate beneath the blankets until the junior relay was safely over.

"You'll be all right," Jennings consoled him. "There'll be masses of chaps ready to jump in and lug you out, if you turn turtle and founder with all hands."

Darbishire shuddered at the thought of the ordeal before him.

All through morning school he sat in a trance of anxiety, and at mid-morning break he took no part in the babble of small-talk raging round the great event of the day.

"I reckon Drake will win the

Junior by a hundred miles, seeing that we've got old Darbi for the first lap," prophesied Thompson Minor. "He goes belting along, with that revolving corkscrew paddle-steamer stroke of his like a torpedo going slap-bang-whoosh through the sound barrier. He was saying the other week that he may be asked to demonstrate it on television next holidays."

Brown Major nodded in agreement. "Yes, I know. Just like a human fish, isn't he!"

The human fish overheard the lavish praise, and sidled away out



"Take your marks . . ."

of earshot, pink to the gills with embarrassment.

After break Darbishire became a little more cheerful. He'd be all right, he told himself over and over again. There was nothing to worry about, really!

But at four o'clock that afternoon, when he found himself standing on the edge of the bath waiting for the starter's signal, his assurance drained away, and his spirits sank once more to rock-bottom zero.

"All boys line up in your places," Mr. Carter announced. "I'm starting the junior relay in half a minute from now."

"Come on, Darbi," said Temple briskly. "It's you and me starting at the deep end, and Bromwich and Jen at the other. Try to get a decent lead over Patterson, and don't slow down in the last few yards, because Bromo isn't allowed to dive off until you actually touch the wall at the far end."

### Sudden commotion

Darbishire gulped. The far end was less than 30 yards away, yet it seemed a distant speck on the horizon in his present state of nervousness. He stole a glance at Patterson, his Raleigh opponent for the first lap, who was standing beside him. He had an easy, confident air about him, Darbishire thought. But then, so he should; after all, Patterson had swum out of his depth dozens of times.

"Quiet, everybody!" Mr. Carter ordered; and the spectators lining the walls ceased their chattering and craned forward expectantly.

Patterson and Darbishire stepped up to their marks, and braced themselves for what they hoped would turn out to be a skilful racing dive.

The starter's voice rang out loud and clear: "Take your marks . . ."

At that moment there was a sudden commotion by the door at the entrance to the bath, and Venables, clad in bathing wrap and swimming trunks, came hurrying in past the spectators shrilling out a message of dire urgency.

"Sir! . . . Sir! . . . Mr. Carter, sir! Wait a second. Don't start yet, please, sir!"

Mr. Carter paused in the act of mouthing the word "Go."

"What's the matter, Venables?" he demanded.

"Please, sir, I've just been to see Matron. She says my cold is a lot better and I can swim after all."

### Venables takes over

Mr. Carter looked doubtful. "It's a bit late in the day to change the teams, Venables. Darbishire's swimming in your place."

"Oh, please, sir!" Venables begged, hopping up and down to stress the urgency of his plea. "I got Matron's permission specially so I could be in the relay, and I'm all changed and ready to go in, and Darbishire's only a reserve, after all, sir."

"H'm! Well, if your swimming captain agrees and the reserve doesn't mind standing down . . ."

"Oh, he won't mind, sir!" Jennings' voice rang out from the shallow end. "He's not a bit selfish, are you, Darbi?"

A martyr at the stake could not have shown a nobler spirit of self-sacrifice than Darbishire did then.

"That's all right, sir," he said. "I'm a bit disappointed, of course, but I don't mind standing down for the sake of Drake."

A few seconds later Venables was lined up beside Patterson, and Mr. Carter was preparing to start the race for the second time. "Take your marks . . . Go!"

### Evenly matched

There was a loud smack as the swimmers hit the water in a racing dive . . . The junior relay had begun; and immediately the quiet hush gave place to roars of encouragement as the spectators shouted for Drake or Raleigh with the full force of their lungs.

It was clear from the outset that the teams were evenly matched, for Venables and Patterson propelled their way down the bath without either boy gaining an advantage on the other. The second lap also was practically a dead heat; but when the third pair of swimmers launched themselves into the water, Temple began to lose way against his stronger Raleigh opponent.

By now Darbishire had recovered from the shock of his merciful deliverance, and was cavorting with excitement on the extreme edge of the coconut matting. "Go it, Temple! Go it!" he yelled.

"Budge out of the light, Darbi. I can't see a thing with you square-dancing about like a hippopotamus right in front of me," complained Atkinson.

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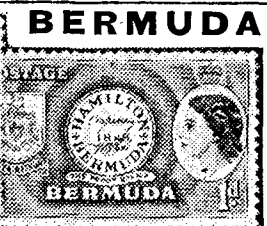
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## ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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But Darbshire had no ears for curt complaint, and no eyes for anything but the race; by now Temple's opponent had reached the end of the bath, and the last Raleigh swimmer had dived in on the final lap, while Jennings was still waiting in a frenzy of impatience for his turn to go.

At last Temple touched the wall, and Jennings set off in pursuit of his rival with a splash that sent a tidal wave billowing over the feet of the excited spectators.

"Go it, Jen," Darbshire shouted, as his friend slowly narrowed the gap between himself and his rival. "He's gaining! He's catching up! Oh, super-wacko-sonic!"

"Stand back, you boys, stand back," ordered Mr. Carter, as the spectators surged dangerously towards the edge of the bath.

Gradually Jennings drew level, and the two swimmers raced neck and neck towards the finish, each vainly striving to forge ahead. Soon there were only three yards to go . . . two yards . . .

### Victory dance

"Go it, Jen!" yelled Darbshire, hysterical with excitement. "He's going to do it! . . . No, he isn't! . . . Yes, he is! . . . He's done it!"

At the same instant, the Drake captain's hand shot out of the water and touched the wall, a split second ahead of his opponent.

"Hurray! Hurray! We've won by a fingernail!" warbled the happy reservist, celebrating the victory with an impromptu ballet dance on the water's edge. "Good old Drake . . . Good old Jennings . . . Good old . . ."

The spate of congratulations ceased suddenly as the speaker

caught his foot on the corner of the coconut matting. For a moment he danced upon air like an unwieldy puppet, his arms backpedalling in a frantic effort to regain his balance . . . The next second there was a resounding splash as, for the first time in his life, C. E. J. Darbshire plunged head first into six feet of water.

A roar of laughter swept through the ranks of the spectators as the unwitting diver's head rose to the surface. After all, a strong swimmer like Darbshire should be able to take an accidental ducking.

### Wonderful discovery

But Atkinson knew better. "Sir! Sir!" he called to Mr. Carter. "Darbshire's gone in out of his depth, sir."

"It won't hurt him—he's got his swimming things on," replied Mr. Carter with a smile.

"Yes, but, sir—he can't swim! Not out of his depth, anyway!"

"What?"

Mr. Carter dashed to the side of the bath, ready, if need be to dive fully-clothed to the rescue. But as he did so, a breathless voice rang out from the curly head bobbing about in the water.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

THIS week an M.C.C. eleven under the leadership of E. R. T. Holmes, the former Sussex skipper, are meeting the London New Zealand C.C. at the Oval. The team will consist of members of the 1935-36 M.C.C. party which toured Australia and New Zealand, most of whom have now retired from first-class cricket. Among the New Zealanders will be three former Test men, Roger Blunt, Bill Merritt, and J. R. Reid, all of whom now live in this country.

DAVID WESTERHOUT, 17-year-old student at the South-West Essex Technical College, who achieved prominence as a triple Essex youth champion while at Bancroft School, is being given special coaching by Geoffrey Dyson, the National A.A.A. coach. Six-foot David, who is a member of the Woodford Green A.C., intends to specialise in the javelin event.

GEORGE HIRST, one of the greatest all-rounders in the history of cricket, died recently at the age of 82. Joining Yorkshire at 18, he played for the county until he was 58, achieving the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets eleven times. In 1906 he scored 2385 runs and took 208 wickets, a record that has never been approached.

THE boys of the St. Thomas Church of England School, at Brentwood, in Essex, are proud of their football team. Although they have no school playing field, and have to hold all their training spells in the playground, they have won all the local primary school honours. The boys, who are aged between nine and eleven, did not lose a match from November 17 last to the end of the season—41 in succession. Their total goal average was 268 against 52, in 59 matches.

FOR the first time since 1939, a British athletics team will compete at an international meeting in Cologne next Sunday. Included in the team is Ken Jones, the famous Welsh Rugby international, and John Savidge, who recently set up a new British national weight putting record with a throw of 55 feet 2½ inches.

PARRY O'BRIEN, the U.S. Olympic champion, has become the first man to put the shot over 60 feet.

### STAMP NEWS

STAMP booklets with a choice of different values can now be obtained in Sweden from slot machines.

A NEW Austrian stamp planned for issue next month will mark the congress on Esperanto being held in Vienna.

THE famous Palm Beach of Aruba is depicted on a stamp issued by the Netherlands Antilles to commemorate a meeting of the Caribbean Tourist Association.

THE Dutch whaling factory ship Willem Barendsz, which serves in the Antarctic, has been supplied by Holland's Post Office with a special cancellation for letters posted by members of the crew.

SIDNEY RAND, 20-year-old winner of the Wingfield Sculls, the amateur rowing championship, will represent England at the Empire Games in Vancouver. He started sculling at the age of 13, and was coached in his early days by Mervyn Wood, the Australian and Olympic champion.

THE Kellys of Derby are making quite a mark as distance runners. In 1950, Joe Kelly won the Derby and County A.C.'s 3½ miles road title, and recently elder brother Arthur Kelly had his name engraved on the trophy. Arthur also won the Doncaster to Sheffield marathon a few weeks ago, to become Northern Counties marathon champion.

JACQUELINE MITTON, a 17-year-old art student of Sheffield, recently became the youngest player ever to win the Yorkshire Women's Golf Championship. Like her 20-year-old sister, Valerie, she is a junior English International.

ANOTHER Langridge may in a few years be playing. County cricket for Sussex. Richard, the 15-year-old son of James Langridge, promises to develop into a good all-round player. Like his father, who is now the Sussex coach, he is a left-hand bat.

GEORGE OLIVER, 41-year-old runner from Uxbridge, Middlesex, was determined to compete in the 16-mile Chichester to Portsmouth road race. He ran the 60 miles to Chichester, and then competed in the race, winning third prize in the handicap section.

THE South African field athletes will be a force to contend with at the Empire Games. Vic Dreyer, an Army captain who trains by making 100 hammer throws every day, recently made a new Empire record of 184 feet 4½ inches; Fanie du Plessis, the Empire discus record holder, has thrown 173 feet and is also a promising shot-putter; and Johnny Veitch has thrown the javelin over 220 feet.

PLAYING for his Air Force Unit in Germany, 20-year-old D. Robertson of Morecambe took six wickets with six successive balls in two matches. He finished one match by taking the last five wickets in five balls, and with his first delivery in the next day's match he took another wicket.

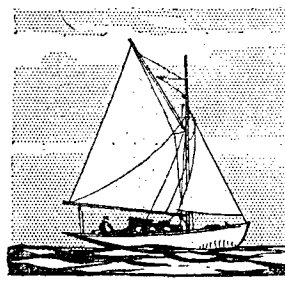
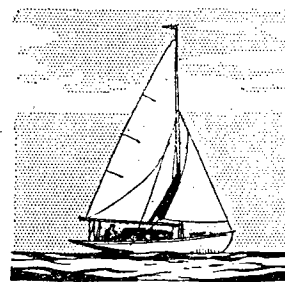
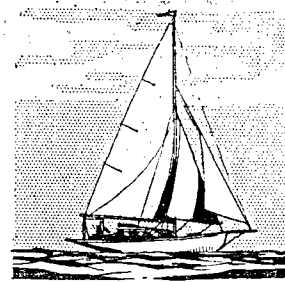
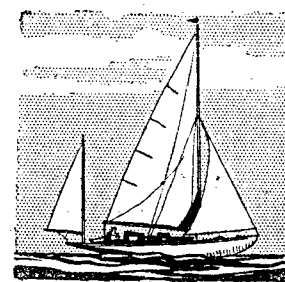
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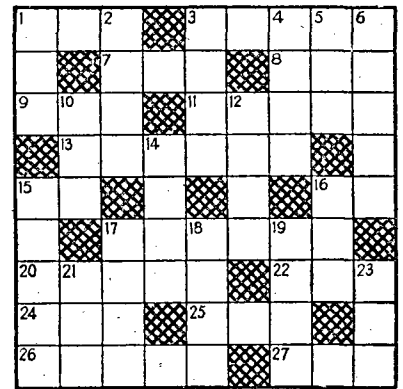
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## FLOWER LEGENDS

IN far off days when, according to legend, gods visited the earth as mortals, Apollo the handsome sun-god paused as he was passing a cottage. In the garden was a beautiful maiden.

The god instantly fell in love with her and beseeched her to marry him. His request was met with a scornful refusal, and in anger Apollo transformed her into a flower, the wild succory or chicory, and bade her look at him for ever. And to this day she can be seen gazing at the sun with her starry blue eyes.



## Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Fabulous bird. 3 Avoid. 7 Ancient. 8 Hasten. 9 Play on words. 11 Low gruff sound. 13 Make amends. 15 United Nations. 16 British Railways. 17 Sleigh. 20 Drive. 22 And so on. 24 Listen with it. 25 Eggs. 26 Lock of hair. 27 —, pole, or perch.

READING DOWN. 1 Tear. 2 Fruit of pine tree. 3 Rim. 4 Lily. 5 Greyish brown. 6 Go in. 10 Vase. 12 Stalk of water plant. 14 Valley. 15 Spill. 16 Wager. 17 Withered. 18 His statue is in London's Piccadilly Circus. 19 Equipment. 21 Black viscous liquid. 23 Fish. Answer next week

## Apple-pie order

THE phrase means, of course, that which is in perfect order.

When French knights went out to do battle they were armed "cap-a-pied"—from "head to foot." To the English, it became known as "cap-a-pie" and gradually as "apple-pie"—anything in perfect order.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS  
Colourful picture puzzle. Bluebell; blue stocking, blue bird, blue blood, blue book, blue jacket, Blue Peter, Blue Beard.  
What's in a name? Lionel, Hannah, Edward, William, Thelma, Ernest, Mildred

## Pyramid puzzle

A  
AT  
TEA  
HEAT  
TEACH  
DETACH  
CHARTED  
STARCHED

## Three-in-one

T imbucto O  
H andeuf F  
E vesham M  
I llyri A  
D istempe R  
E pidemi C  
S eismograp H

## THE BRAN TUB

## CALENDAR CATCH

ASKED a wit: "Which month has 28 days?"  
"Why, February, of course."  
"Yes. But so have all the other months."

## Initials

Answers to these clues need only two letters. What are they?

EVERGREEN creeper  
Composition

Frozen  
Without contents  
Full of seed  
Do well

Answer next week.

## SPOT THE...

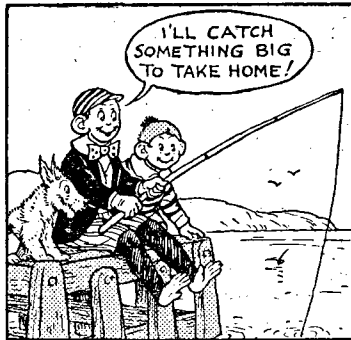
GREAT GREEN GRASSHOPPER as he lurks amid the herbage, often near nettles. Despite his size and the fact that he is not uncommon in the south of England he is seldom seen. This is probably due to his green colouring, which blends with the surroundings.

Grasshoppers are divided into two groups, short-horns and long-horns, according to the length of their antennae. The magnificent hair-like antennae of the great green grasshopper, shows him to be a member of the latter group.

Females possess a long, dagger-like ovipositor, often mistaken for a sting. It is used for boring holes in the ground, in which she lays her eggs.



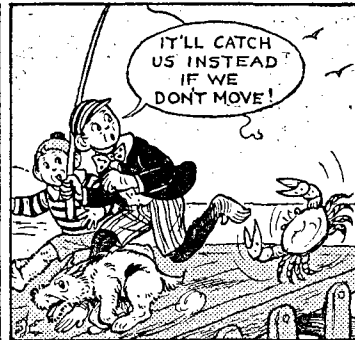
## JACKO GETS INVOLVED IN CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN



Jacko felt quite sure that he would make a catch worth taking home.



He was right, too, though he did not quite expect a crab.



And the crab, he found, showed great reluctance to being taken home!

## Find it in the wood

MY first is in iris, but not in campion;  
My second is in mallow, and also in rampion;  
My third is in primrose, but not in pansy;  
My fourth is in clover, but not in tansy;  
My fifth is in heather, but not in may;  
My sixth is in foxglove, but not in bay;  
If you work out this puzzle, you certainly should  
Discover a sensitive flower of the wood.

Answer next week

## Garden guarantee

"BUT," protested a would-be customer at the florist shop: "how can you tell that this plant will definitely bloom every hundred years?"

"Well, if it doesn't, just bring it back."

## Team spirit

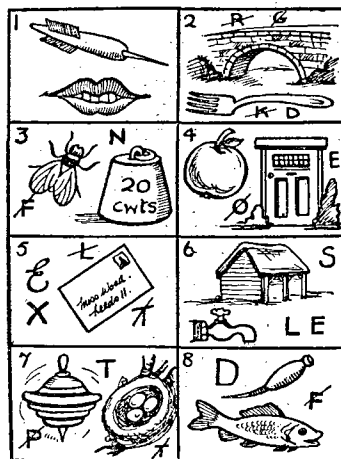
"HAVE you written out your list of the world's greatest men?" asked teacher.

"Almost," replied Tommy. "I can't quite make up my mind about the wicket-keeper, though."

## Towns of Devon

These pictures represent the names of towns in Devon. What are they?

Answers next week



## Sammy Simple

"CAN I sell you two sixpenny tickets?" asked Sammy.

"What for?"

"A shilling."

## THREE-IN-ONE

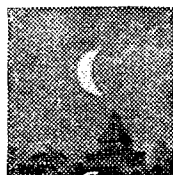
AUTHOR of popular sea adventure stories  
Member of native race of Australia  
Metal much used for plating  
Yellow wildflower  
South Coast holiday town  
Muscle in the arm  
English essayist (1778-1830)

To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell the names of two of Shakespeare's plays.

Abo at But Chr cup Eas Ha ice  
ine ium Ma om ps rig rne rry tbou  
ter Tr tt zli Answer next week

## OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus and Jupiter are in the west. Saturn and



Mars are in the south-east. No planets are visible in the morning. Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at seven o'clock on Friday morning, May 28.

## BEDTIME CORNER

## Happy at last

HO-SAN, Ho-Sen, and Ho-Sun were three Cochinchina bantams belonging to Betty.

When the wild birds began building their nests, hatching their eggs, and brooding their chicks, Ho-San and Ho-Sen, the two hen birds, wanted to do the same. They stayed in their nesting-boxes, and pecked Betty when she took their eggs, until at last Ho-San was allowed to keep hers, and then begin sitting.

Poor Ho-Sen did not know this was because Mummie had said: "Not both of them, Betty. We only need one family of bantam chicks." She thought it was because she had been naughty somehow. And to Betty's dismay, she became so unhappy she stayed in her nesting-box all day, and stopped laying altogether.

Ho-Sen was even more sure she was being punished for something when a man came and carried her off in a sack. She screwed her eyes up tight

with misery, and did not even open them after the bumpy journey when she was put in a coop.

But when she felt the smooth roundness of eggs beneath her, she did open her eyes. And she saw the eggs in the hay at her feet.

That they were olive green, not creamy-white, she neither knew nor cared, but began to sit happily. Daily she watched the other bantams in coops beside her in the keeper's garden, some already with chicks.

Presently Ho-Sen grew unhappy again. When she thought it was time for the eggs to hatch, they would not. "It must be my fault," she said humbly.

But it was not. For Betty had lent her to the keeper to sit on pheasant eggs, and they take longer to hatch. Before long Ho-Sen did have some stripey brown chicks, and she was really happy at last.

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